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SENT DEPARTMENT COLUX 150, REPEATED INFORMATION BONN COLUX 40,  
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SPIERENBURG AND WEHRER TODAY INFORMED MISSION THAT HIGH  
AUTHORITY HAD DECIDED TO ESTABLISH DUTY FREE IMPORTS INTO  
GERMANY FOR 1959 AT TOTAL FIVE MILLION TONS INSTEAD 4.25  
ANNOUNCED BY GERMAN GOVERNMENT. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE  
MADE THIS MORNING BUT OFFICIAL TEXT HA DECISION WHICH STILL  
BEING EDITED WILL PROBABLY NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL LATE  
THIS EVENING OR TOMORROW MORNING. FOLLOWING ARE POINTS  
STRESSED BY SPIERENBURG WHICH CAN BE COMMUNICATED IN  
UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE.

1. FIGURE ESTABLISHED BY HA IS BASED ON EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS  
OF COMMUNITY COAL BALANCE AND IS NOT ARBITRARILY PULLED OUT  
OF HAT. BASIC UNDERLYING DETERMINATION WAS THAT EXISTING  
UNEMPLOYMENT (FREE SHIFTS) IN GERMAN MINES SHOULD NOT BE  
INCREASED IN 1959 AS RESULT OF IMPORTS.

2. HA WILL INSIST THAT THERE BE NO DISCRIMINATION IN  
TREATMENT OF VARIOUS THIRD COUNTRY EXPORTERS TO GERMANY  
(WHICH OBVIOUSLY AIMED AT FORESTALLING ANY CHARGE OF  
PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR SOVIET BLOC). US PORTION FIVE

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MILLION TON QUOTA WILL BE SUBJECT TO LATER DETERMINATION.

3. MEASURES WILL BE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS "TEMPORARY".

4. HA DECISION WILL INCORPORATE PRINCIPLE THAT FIGURE FOR DUTY FREE IMPORTS SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE AND CAPABLE OF SUBSEQUENT CHANGE WITH CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT THEREFORE WAY LEFT OPEN FOR INCREASED IMPORTS IF COAL SITUATION IMPROVES.

5. PREAMBLE OF HA DECISION WILL CITE COMMUNITY NEED TO SAFEGUARD LONG TERM ENERGY SUPPLIES FROM US.

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